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1. In early September 1954, the Central Office for Research and Technology (ZAFT), of the State Planning Commission in East Germany, received a request from the Department for Scientific Cooperation (WTZ)[1] to take immediate steps for the quick completion of all research and development orders pertaining to the fabrication of Wolacryn. Such orders were being carried out by VEB Agfa-Wolfen, VEB Kunstseiden Premnitz, VEB Kunstfaserwerk Wilhelm Pieck in Schwarza, and the Fiber Research Institute in Teltow-Seehof.[2] Wolacryn, which is better known under the commercial name of Orlon, is a polyacrylnitril fiber. It is different from nylon and perlon in that it has cotton-like qualities. 25X1

2. The WTZ request to ZAFT was prompted by a Soviet request for early delivery of Wolacryn from East Germany to the USSR.

1. [redacted] Comment. This department is located in the ZAFT building but is directly under the State Planning Commission and not under the authority of ZAFT. 25X1

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